

EXETER-WEST GREENWICH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Tuesday, April 8, 2014, 6:00 p.m.

Business Meeting

Jr. – Sr. High School Library, 930 Nooseneck Hill Road, West Greenwich, RI 02817

MEETING MINUTES

The form and content of these minutes conform to commonly accepted standards and shall become the official record of the meeting after review and approval by the School Committee. By definition, minutes are not a verbatim record of the proceedings.

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Convene Meeting

Call to order Chair Cicero, 6:03 PM

Board members present: Teri Cicero, Chairperson; Mark Rafanelli, Vice Chairperson; Valerie Zuercher, Clerk; Lee Kissinger, Paul McFadden, Claudine Pande

Board members absent: Theresa Donovan

Others present: James Erinakes, II, Superintendent; Robert Ross, Director of Administration, Marie-Elena Ahern, Director of Curriculum; Student Representative Abigail Borges (left meeting at 7:02 PM)

I. Pledge of Allegiance

As part of the Senior High School Presentation, Mr. Runner and the Senior High Chorus presented a brief recital.

II. District Mission Statement

III. Open Forum (15-minute limit)

Community member Patricia D'Andrea offered positive comments regarding the high school's improved grounds appearance, more positive school climate, and Principal Susan Chandler. Next, she shared a RI Interscholastic League communication describing the importance of having Athletic Trainer Coaches (ATC) and Automated External Defibrillators (AED) in our schools.

IV. Presentations

A. Student Representative Report

Abigail Borges offered a summary of past/future Senior High School activities/events.

Superintendent Erinakes recognized that Student Representative Borges recently learned she has been accepted to Brown University and George Town University.

B. Senior High School Presentation

Student Representative Borges left the meeting, (7:02 PM)

Superintendent Erinakes reviewed the consent agenda.

Member McFadden requested to pull the *Bills*.

V. Routine Items

Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting Minutes of March 25, 2014; Executive Session Minutes of March 25, 2014

B. Personnel Items

- 1. Appointments**
- 2. Leaves of Absence**
- 3. Resignations – (As Recommended by the Superintendent, with Regret)**
 - a. Letter from James Alves resigning his position as Head Sr. High Football Coach, effective April 2, 2014**
- 4. Grievances**
- 5. Non-Renewals**
- 6. Recalls**
- 7. Sabbaticals**
- 8. Contract(s)**

C. Bills – *Item Pulled*

D. Home School Approvals

End Consent Agenda

MSV – To accept the Consent Agenda, minus the Bills –
Zuercher/Rafanelli – (6-0) – MOTION APPROVED

Superintendent Erinakes reviewed the Correspondence.

E. Correspondence – (1) 8/28/2013 – 3/31/2014 AND 9/1/2012 – 3/31/2014 Discipline Reports; (2) March 31, 2014 Public Hearing PowerPoint; (3) RI Association of School Committees 2014 Annual Meeting Brochure; (4) Communication from Senior Project Coordinator Linda Cornell to Parents/Community Members regarding Senior Project judging

F. 2013 – 2014 Budget Projection

G. 2014 – 2015 Budget

H. Monthly Subcommittee Report(s)

- 1. Policy Subcommittee**
- 2. IT Subcommittee**
- 3. Public Relations Subcommittee**
- 4. Charter Review Subcommittee**

I. Monthly Status Reports

- 1. Superintendent**
- 2. Curriculum**
- 3. Business**
- 4. Special Education**
- 5. Maintenance – (NONE)**
- 6. Technology**

Member McFadden will submit his specific question regarding the backup server in writing to Mr. Ross, Superintendent Erinakes, and Chair Cicero.

Members agreed to share duties as school committee liaisons to the Local Advisory Committee (LAC) and alternate attending LAC meetings.

VI. New Business

A. Approve Class of 2015 Williamsburg, Virginia Class Trip Proposal

MSV – To approve the Senior Class Trip [to Williamsburg, VA] for next year – Zuercher/Kissinger – (6-0) – MOTION APPROVED

B. Approve School Safety Consultant

MSV – To approve up to \$5,700 for school safety work – Pande/Zuercher – (5-0) – Cicero, Rafanelli, Zuercher, Kissinger, Pande – Aye(s); McFadden – Abstained – MOTION APPROVED

C. Approve 2014 – 2015 Senior High School Program of Studies

MSV – To approve the [2014 – 2015] High School Program of Studies – Zuercher/Pande – (6-0) – MOTION APPROVED

D. Policies Review/Adoption/Deletion

1. 8506 – Suspension and Expulsion – Amendment

MSV – To amend Policy 8506 – Pande/Zuercher – (6-0) – MOTION APPROVED

VII. Unfinished Business

A. Approve Italy Foreign Exchange Program Proposal

MSV – To sanction this trip [2014-2015 Italy Foreign Exchange Program] – Kissinger/Rafanelli – (6-0) – MOTION APPROVED

Member McFadden requested written validation from insurance provider The Trust that it will cover the Italy trip whether or not it is a sanctioned school trip.

Clerk Zuercher proposed Nicole Pichette (trip coordinator) should be reimbursed for any expenses she has incurred relating to planning the Italy trip.

Member McFadden asked Mr. Ross to research if school insurance offered to students would cover students while traveling overseas.

B. Grade 12 NECAP Retake Results – Update

VIII. Reports/Comments

Returned to item pulled from the Consent Agenda by Member McFadden

Superintendent Erinakes responded to Member McFadden’s inquiry about the expenditure for legal fees.

MSV –To approve the Bills – McFadden/Kissinger – (6-0) – MOTION
APPROVED

The following was approved:

V. Routine Items Consent Agenda

C. Bills – Bills in the amount of \$146,707.81

Clerk Zuercher said she would be available to attend the LAC (Local Advisory Committee) meeting on May 12, 2014 at 7:00 PM.

IX. Important Dates and Meetings – Monday, April 14, 2014-Special School Committee Meeting @ 8:30PM; Tuesday, April 22, 2014-School Committee Meeting-(possible) Tuesday, May 13, 2014-School Committee Meeting-Wawaloam School Presentation-@ *Wawaloam School*; Tuesday, May 27, 2014-School Committee Meeting-Special Education/Lineham School Presentation

MSV – To move to Executive Session at 8:02 PM in accordance with RIGL 42-46-5 (a)(9) – CBA – Grievance(s) and 42-46-5 (a) (2) – CBA – (C-94/Teachers’ Association)-Negotiation Discussion and/or Pending/Potential Litigation – Legal Advice – Zuercher/Pande – and voted as follows:

Teri Cicero	AYE
Mark Rafanelli	AYE
Valerie Zuercher	AYE
Lee Kissinger	AYE
Paul McFadden	AYE
Claudine Pande	AYE

- X. Executive Session – RIGL 42-46-4 and 42-46-5**
A. 42-46-5 (a)(9) – CBA – Grievance(s)
B. 42-46-5 (a)(2) – CBA – (C-94/Teachers’ Association)-Negotiation
Discussion and/or Pending/Potential Litigation – Legal Advice
C. 42-46-5 (1)(1) - Personnel

XI. Disclosure of any votes taken in Executive Session
Report on Executive Session Vote: No votes taken

- XII. Adjournment**
MSV – To adjourn – Zuercher/Kissinger – (6-0) – MOTION APPROVED

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM

**ROBIN CERIO
RECORDING SECRETARY**